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COOLING HOT ROLLED STEEL
STRIP, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING HOT ROLLED...

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A1 12. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein
the water breaking means comprises a water breaking roll.

A2 16. (Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein a
clearance between the lowered water breaking means and the steel
strip is maintained to be 1 to 10 mm.

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